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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to get the evidence, written or oral, printed so as to bring it in line with the report of the Malabar Tenancy Bill Committee, the Unemployment Committee and the Tamil University Committee ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Provided we get public opinion in favour of such a proposal. As it is, the Registrar thinks that it is not necessary to print the evidence. But if there is a demand from the public the Government will have no objection."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that two Members of this Committee opined that the evidence should be printed ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" But the majority of the Members were against it."

Industries

Continuance of the Ink factory, Madras.

* 651 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government cannot continue to run the ink factory a year longer ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the factory does not involve Government in any loss in working ;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to publish details as to the quantity of production, the profits of working and other particulars so that other people may take it up as a cottage industry ;

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to sell the ink factory only to the natives of the country ; and

(*e*) whether the Director of Industries has got any proposals ready for pioneering any other industry ?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the press communiqué dated 31st August 1928.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The audited accounts of the factory have been placed on Editors' Table.

(*d*) The Government have invited tenders and the most suitable tender will be accepted.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*e*) of this question, may I know from the hon. Minister what those other proposals are ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I want notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the Government be pleased to carefully consider the desirability of continuing the present ink factory ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" We have very carefully considered it."

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Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether the ink manufactured in our ink factory is superior to the ink imported from England ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know whether any tenders were invited ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know how many tenders have so far been received ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I want notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" In reply to clause (e) of the question, the answer given is ' Yes ', i.e., the ' Director of Industries has got proposals ready for starting some industry or other '. I just want to know what those proposals are."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not say that those proposals have been finally decided upon."

Winding up of some industrial concerns managed by the Director of Industries.

*652 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what industrial concerns under the management of the Director of Industries are proposed to be wound up or disposed of in the near future ?

A.—Ink manufacture in the Government Industrial Institute, Madras.

Development of cottage industries in Kistna district.

*653 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any investigation is proposed to be made by Government with regard to the means of developing cottage industries in Kistna district ; and

(b) if so, when, and through whom ?

A.—One of the three Special Tahsildars appointed for the survey of cottage industries has, under the supervision of the Special Deputy Collector, made a survey of the cottage industries in the Kistna district. The Director of Industries is awaiting a report from the Special Deputy Collector on the results of the survey.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know what cottage industries were made a survey of ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" All cottage industries."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the report that has been submitted by the officer who has been deputed to make this survey will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes."